

Electronic Notification

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**EPCOR ENERGY ALBERTA INC.
REGULATED RATE TARIFF
ELECTRIC ENERGY CHARGES – JANUARY 2010 AND
FIRST QUARTER 2010 NON-ENERGY CHARGE RATES
APPLICATION NO. 1605763**

1. EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc. (EEAI) filed an application (Application) on December 23, 2009, with the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC) for its energy charges applicable to its Regulated Rate Tariff (RRT) for the month of January 2010. The RRT energy charges are for the EPCOR Distribution & Transmission Inc. (EDTI) and FortisAlberta Inc. (Fortis) service territories.

2. The Application included a letter from the independent advisor¹ (the Advisor) confirming that the energy charges for January 2010 were calculated in accordance with all aspects of the Energy Price Setting Plan (EPSP) for 2006 to 2011, including the month-ahead portion and the Index Support Agreement as approved in Order [U2007-352](#).²

3. EEAI's EPSP was approved in Order [U2006-109](#),³ an order of the AUC's predecessor, the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board (Board). The EPSP formed part of a Negotiated Settlement, which the Board considered would result in rates that were just and reasonable.

¹ The Advisor is an independent expert retained to provide advice and assistance as provided in the 2006-2011 energy price setting plan (EPSP).

² Order U2007-352: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., Amendment to 2006-2011 Energy Price Setting Plan Index Support Agreement (Application 1546917) (Released: December 7, 2007).

³ Order U2006-109: EPCOR Energy Inc. and EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., 2006-2011 Regulated Rate Option Energy Price Setting Plan Negotiated Settlement (Applications 1454218 and 1454219) (Released: April 28, 2006).

4. EEAI's proposed energy charges for the month of January 2010 are as follows:

Energy Charges (EDTI Service Territory)

Rate Class	cents/kWh
Residential	6.576
Small Commercial	6.576
Lighting	5.345

Energy Charges (Fortis Service Territory)

Rate Class	cents/kWh
Residential	6.568
Small Commercial	6.562
Lighting	5.348
Farm	6.680
Irrigation	6.236
Oil & Gas	6.532

5. AUC staff members have reviewed the Application, including the letter from the Advisor, and the AUC accepts that the above noted energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with EEAI's EPSP for 2006-2011, including the month-ahead portion and the Index Support Agreement as approved in Order U2007-352. In this Order, the Board approved EEAI's adjustment to its 2006-2011 RRT EPSP Index Support Agreement as agreed to by customer parties and the Advisor.

6. In accordance with section 7(3) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, AR 262/2005, as amended, the AUC acknowledges that the energy charges as set out above are applicable to EEAI's RRT in the noted service territories for the month of January 2010.

7. Further, as outlined in sections 7(4) and 7(5) of the *Regulated Rate Option Regulation*, EEAI must retain records sufficient to enable the AUC to audit any previous monthly rates set by EEAI. Any amount overcharged to customers due to an incorrect rate calculation must be refunded to customers as soon as practicable after the error is discovered.

8. If any affected party objects to the calculation of the energy charges for the month in question, they should notify the AUC and EEAI in a timely manner, and include the nature of their objection and the reason(s) why it should be considered.

9. In the Application, EEAI also filed for acknowledgement the non-energy charges that are applicable to EEAI's RRO service for the first quarter of 2010. EEAI indicated that the 2010 non-energy charges and the bad debt deferral account true-ups used to calculate the non-energy charges for the first quarter of 2010 were approved on an interim basis, in Decision [2009-255](#).⁴

⁴ Decision 2009-255: EPCOR Energy Alberta Inc., 2010 Interim Regulated Rate Tariff (Application No. 1605584, Proceeding ID. 359) (Released: December 14, 2009).

10. EEAI's proposed non-energy charges for the first quarter of 2010 are as follows:

Non-Energy Charges (EDTI Service Territory)

Rate Class	(\$/Month/Site)
Residential	5.98
Small Commercial	5.33
Lighting	5.32

Non-Energy Charges (Fortis Service Territory)

Rate Class	(\$/Month/Site)
Residential	5.92
Small Commercial	5.72
Lighting	5.52
Farm	5.57
Irrigation	2.57
Oil & Gas	5.30

11. AUC staff members have reviewed the filing with respect to the non-energy charges and the AUC accepts that the above noted non-energy charges represent rates determined in accordance with Decision 2009-255 for the EDTI and Fortis service territories respectively.



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